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BODY

TAGS: KPOW, MOPS, PREL, PHUM, PINR, RS, UP
SUBJECT: **JCSD**-MOSCOW REPRESENTATIVES VISIT ST. PETERSBURG, RF
1. BACKGROUND: **JCSD**-MOSCOW REPRESENTATIVES RALPH MCCALL AND THOMAS SHIPP VISITED ST. PETERSBURG, RF FROM 22 TO 30 OCTOBER 03. JSCD-MOSCOW CHIEF YURI BOGUSLAVSKY AND VLADISLAV SOROKIN JOINED THEM AT A LATER DATE.
THE PURPOSE OF THE TRIP WAS TO MEET WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF VARIOUS **VETERANS** GROUPS, **INTERVIEW** SOVIET KOREAN AND VIETNAM WAR **VETERANS**, VISIT THE ANNA AKHMATOVA MUSEUM TO REVIEW GULAG SURVIVOR MEMOIRS, MEET WITH THE EDITORIAL STAFF OF "VESTNIK **VETERANA**," MEET WITH THE DIRECTOR OF THE MILITARY MEDICAL MUSEUM ARCHIVES, AND VISIT THE RF CENTRAL NAVAL ARCHIVES IN GATCHINA.
2. MEETING WITH "NADEZHDA": SHIPP AND MCCALL MET WITH

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE "NADEZHDA (HOPE)" **VETERANS'** ORGANIZATION AT THEIR OFFICE IN ST. PETERSBURG. SHIPP AND MCCALL EXPLAINED THE MISSION OF THE JOINT COMMISSION TO THE DIRECTOR. THE DIRECTOR STATED EMPHATICALLY THAT HER ORGANIZATION MAINLY DEALS WITH WIDOWS AND SURVIVORS OF WORLD WAR II **VETERANS** AND WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO ASSIST THE JOINT COMMISSION.

3. KOREAN WAR INTERVIEWS:

A. ALEKSEEV, IVAN ANDRIANOVICH: WHEN CONTACTED BY **JCSD-MOSCOW** REPRESENTATIVES, ALEKSEEV (TEL: 146-19-22) WAS NOT IN THE BEST OF HEALTH AND IT WAS DETERMINED TO ATTEMPT THE **INTERVIEW** AT ANOTHER DATE.

B. SAVEL'EV, ALEKSANDR ALEKSEEVICH: ACCORDING TO THE PERSON RESIDING AT SAVEL'EV'S LAST KNOWN ADDRESS, HE MOVED TO ANOTHER APARTMENT (KORABLESTROITELEJ ST., BLDG 19, APT 625). **JCSD-MOSCOW** REPRESENTATIVES GOT NO RESPONSE AT THIS ADDRESS, BUT WILL PURSUE THE ISSUE FURTHER.

C. GALYSHEVSKIJ, IVAN PETROVICH: GALYSHEVSKIJ (TEL: 134-10-45) WAS NOT IN THE BEST OF HEALTH AT THE TIME OF THE TRIP. AN **INTERVIEW** WILL BE ATTEMPTED AT A FUTURE DATE.

D. KAPITONOV, ARSENTIJ MIKHAILOVICH: KAPITONOV (TEL: 146-16-18) WAS UNAVAILABLE FOR **INTERVIEW**.

E. OVSYANNIKOV, PORFIRIJ BORISOVICH: OVSYANNIKOV (TEL: 269-50-65) WAS UNAVAILABLE FOR **INTERVIEW**.

F. MININ, ALEKSEJ SEMENOVICH: MININ (TEL: 550-30-75) IS A RETIRED AIR FORCE COLONEL WHO SERVED 34 YEARS. HE WAS ASSIGNED THE 256TH GUARD FIGHTER AVIATION REGIMENT IN AN'DUN, CHINA DURING THE KOREAN WAR. ACCORDING TO MININ, THE REGIMENT CONSISTED OF 60 PEOPLE. THE MISSION OF THE REGIMENT WAS TO DEFEND THE HYDROELECTRIC STATION. COL. ORLOV COMMANDED THE REGIMENT.

MININ RECALLED THAT KOREANS BROUGHT IN AN F-86 CABIN TO SHOW RUSSIAN PILOTS WHAT THEY LOOKED LIKE.

MININ IS CREDITED WITH SHOOTING DOWN A B-29 OVER THE AN'DUN REGION IN MARCH 1952. THERE WERE 5 B-29'S IN THE AREA, BUT HIS IS THE ONLY REPORTED SHOOT DOWN. HE DOES NOT RECALL SEEING ANY PARACHUTES AT THE TIME OF THE AIR BATTLE, BUT SAYS THE FILM FROM HIS GUN CAMERA SHOWED AT LEAST TWO PARACHUTES. HE COULD NOT PROVIDE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING THIS INCIDENT.

MININ NEXT STATED THAT NIKOLAIJ NIKOLAEVICH PETROV SHOT DOWN A B-40 CANBERRA SPY PLANE AND HE THOUGHT THE CREW PERISHED. ACCORDING TO HIM, THIS INCIDENT OCCURRED IN THE BONSHON REGION. HE COULD NOT PROVIDE ANY FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING THIS INCIDENT.

WHEN ASKED, MININ CLAIMED THAT HE DID NEVER HAD CONTACT WITH OR SAW

ANY PRISONERS OF WAR. HE DID CLAIM THAT HE HEARD RUMORS THAT PRISONERS WERE PUT ON "DISPLAY" ON THE BRIDGE AT SANDISHU. MININ PROVIDED JCSD-MOSCOW REPRESENTATIVES WITH THE NAMES OF TWO SURVIVING MEMBERS OF HIS REGIMENT WHO RESIDE ST. PETERSBURG: NIKOLAJ NIKOLAEVICH PETROV (TEL: 525-66-13), WHO ALLEGEDLY DOWNED THE B-40 CANBERRA (JCSD-MOSCOW NOTE: PETROV IS DEAF AND WAS UNABLE TO BE INTERVIEWED) AND MIKHAJL VLADIMIROVICH FEDESHEEV (TEL: 520-90-01).

4. VIETNAM WAR INTERVIEWS:

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A. ELINEVICH, EDUARD IVANOVICH: ACCORDING TO THE PERSON RESIDING AT ELINEVICH'S APARTMENT, HE RETURNED TO BELARUS TO LIVE. SHE COULD NOT PROVIDE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

B. VASILENKO, VASILIJ YAKOVLEVICH: LT. COL. (RET) VASILENKO (TEL: 593-1473) REPORTEDLY SERVED IN THE 267TH AIR DEFENSE REGIMENT IN NORTH VIETNAM. WHEN CONTACTED BY JCSD-MOSCOW REPRESENTATIVES, VASILENKO DENIED SERVICE IN VIETNAM AND STATED THAT HE WAS AN AFGHAN WAR **VETERAN**.

C. KELLER, NIKOLAJ MIKHAILOVICH: KELLER IS DECEASED.

D. MAL'KOV, VIKTOR IL'ICH: LT. COL. (RET) MAL'KOV (TEL: 141-8304) CLAIMED HE HAD ALREADY BEEN INTERVIEWED AND WAS UNWILLING TO BE RE-INTERVIEWED.

E. MEDVEDEV, VLADIMIR GRIGOR'EVICH: MAJ. (RET) MEDVEDEV CLAIMED HE HAD ALREADY BEEN INTERVIEWED AND WAS UNWILLING TO BE RE-INTERVIEWED.

F. PEREGUDOV, IVAN GRIGOR'EVICH: COL. (RET) PEREGUDOV SERVED AS A DOCTOR AT THE SOVIET EMBASSY IN VIETNAM DURING THE WAR. ACCORDING TO HIS WIDOW, HE DIED 14 YEARS AGO AND LEFT BEHIND NO MATERIALS REGARDING HIS SERVICE IN VIETNAM.

G. RAZIN, ANATOLIJ NIKOLAEVICH: RAZIN REFUSED TO BE INTERVIEWED AND CLAIMED HE DID NOT SERVE IN VIETNAM.

H. SKREBLYUKOV, ALEKSEJ IVANOVICH: COL. (RET) SKREBLYUKOV (TEL: 345-2320) CLAIMED HE HAD ALREADY BEEN INTERVIEWED AND WAS UNWILLING TO BE RE-INTERVIEWED.

I. CHISTYAKOV, BORIS GEORGIEVICH: COL. (RET) CHISTYAKOV (TEL: 591-0933) IS TERMINALLY ILL AND UNABLE TO COMMUNICATE WITH OTHERS. ACCORDING TO HIS DAUGHTER, HE DOES NOT HAVE ANY INFORMATION REGARDING HIS SERVICE IN VIETNAM.

J. SHEVTSOV, NIKOLAJ ALEKSANDROVICH: COL. (RET) SHEVTSOV IS DECEASED.

5. ANNA AKHMATOVA MUSEUM: SHIPP AND MCCALL VISITED THE ANNA

AKHMATOVA MUSEUM LOCATED AT 53 LETEJNII PROSPEKT IN ST. PETERSBURG. THE MUSEUM'S HOLDINGS INCLUDE MEMOIRS OF GULAG SURVIVORS. THE PURPOSE OF THE VISIT WAS TO SEEK PERMISSION TO REVIEW THE MEMOIRS. UNFORTUNATELY, THE TATYANA POZDNIKOVA, THE MUSEUM DIRECTOR, WAS ABROAD ON AN ACADEMIC TRIP AND WAS UNAVAILABLE FOR CONSULTATION. THE VOLUNTEERS AT THE MUSEUM WERE NOT AWARE OF ANY MEMOIRS.

6. "VESTNIK **VETERANA**": SHIPP AND MCCALL SPOKE WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE MILITARY RETIRE MAGAZINE "VESTNIK **VETERANA**." THE MAGAZINE IS DEDICATED TO KEEPING **VETERANS** INFORMED OF NEWS IMPACTING THEIR BENEFITS. IT ALSO PUBLISHES INFORMATION ABOUT **VETERANS** AND THEIR PREVIOUS MISSIONS. THE EDITORIAL STAFF AGREED TO PUBLISH, FREE-OF-CHARGE, AN ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING THE WORK OF THE COMMISSION. THIS ANNOUNCEMENT WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

7. ST. PETERSBURG ORGANIZATION OF **VETERANS** AND WARRIOR-INTERNATIONALISTS: SHIPP AND MCCALL MET WITH GENERAL (RET.) FEDOROV THE DIRECTOR OF THE ST. PETERSBURG CHAPTER OF **VETERANS** AND WARRIOR-INTERNATIONALISTS. MCCALL EXPLAINED THE MISSION OF THE JOINT COMMISSION AND REQUESTED ASSISTANCE IN LOCATING **VETERANS** OF THE KOREAN AND VIETNAM WARS. GEN. FEDOROV CATEGORICALLY REFUSED TO ASSIST IN LOCATING KOREAN AND VIETNAM WAR **VETERANS**. HE STRONGLY SUGGESTED THAT **JCSD** SHOULD SEEK ASSISTANCE FROM THE KOREANS AND VIETNAMESE. HE THEN CLAIMED THAT HE HAD PERSONALLY INTERVIEWED VIETNAM AND KOREAN WAR **VETERANS** AND THEY DID NOT HAVE ANY INFORMATION THAT COULD BE OF USE TO **JCSD**.

8. SIGNING OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE ST. PETERSBURG MILITARY MEDICAL MUSEUM ARCHIVES: ON OCTOBER 30, 2003, **JCSD**-MOSCOW CHIEF YURI M. BOGUSLAVSKY, ANALYSTS RALPH MC CALL AND THOMAS SHIPP, AND SENIOR RESEARCHER VLADISLAV SOROKIN PARTICIPATED IN CONCLUDING AN AGREEMENT FOR OBTAINING RESEARCH SERVICES FROM THE ST. PETERSBURG MILITARY MEDICAL MUSEUM ARCHIVES. THE RUSSIAN SIDE WAS REPRESENTED BY GENERAL KONSTANTIN VIKTOROVICH GOLUMBOVSKIY, DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THE RUSSIAN SIDE IN THE US-RUSSIAN JOINT COMMISSION ON POW/MIAS (USRJC), COLONEL SERGEY ALEKSANDROVICH IL'YENKOV, CHIEF OF THE
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ARCHIVAL SERVICE OF THE RUSSIAN MINISTRY OF DEFENSE, AND COL. ANATOLIY ALEKSANDROVICH BUDKO, CHIEF OF THE ST. PETERSBURG MILITARY MEDICAL MUSEUM. THE PURPOSE OF THE AGREEMENT IS TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ON US MILITARY PERSONNEL WHO RECEIVED TREATMENT IN SOVIET MILITARY HOSPITALS DURING THE PERIOD OF WWII AND SHORTLY THEREAFTER (1942-1946). A CONTRACT KICK-OFF AND INSTRUCTIONAL FOLLOW-UP MEETING WITH ARCHIVE STAFF WAS SCHEDULED FOR 16 DECEMBER

2003.

9. MEETING WITH RADM NOVYI: ON THE SAME DATE, **JCSD-M** REPRESENTATIVES BOGUSLAVSKY, MCCALL, SHIPP, AND SOROKIN MET WITH USRJC'S COLD WAR RESEARCHER REAR ADMIRAL (RET.) BORIS GAVRILOVICH NOVYI TO DISCUSS THE PROGRESS AND PROSPECTS OF THE SEARCH FOR THE BODY OF MAJ. EUGENE POSA SHOT DOWN OVER THE BARENTS SEA ON JULY 1, 1960. IT WAS CONCLUDED THAT THERE SEEMS TO BE ENOUGH NEW INFORMATION TO MOVE FORWARD ON THE SEARCH EFFORT ON KILDIN ISLAND.

10. RUSSIAN CENTRAL NAVAL ARCHIVES IN GATCHINA: ON THE SAME DATE, **JCSD-M** REPRESENTATIVES BOGUSLAVSKY AND SOROKIN MET WITH RANK AND NAME, CHIEF OF THE RUSSIAN CENTRAL NAVAL ARCHIVES IN GATCHINA, LENINGRAD OBLAST TO DISCUSS THE WORK OF USRJC'S COLD WAR RESEARCHER RADM NOVYI. GATCHINA ARCHIVES ARE INSTRUMENTAL IN PROVIDING ASSISTANCE AND ACCESS TO RADM NOVYI IN HIS RESEARCH EFFORTS. THE ARCHIVE IS IN RELATIVELY POOR SHAPE AND IN SEVERE NEED OF COMPUTER EQUIPMENT.

11. VISIT TO THE RUSSIAN NAVAL MUSEUM: ON OCTOBER 31, 2003, **JCSD-M** REPRESENTATIVES BOGUSLAVSKY AND SOROKIN VISITED THE RUSSIAN NAVAL MUSEUM IN ST. PETERSBURG. THE PURPOSE OF THE VISIT WAS TO DISCOVER ANY US POW/MIA-RELATED ARTIFACTS OR INFORMATION IN THE MUSEUM. BOGUSLAVSKY AND SOROKIN MET WITH THE MUSEUM'S DEPUTY DIRECTOR, CAPTAIN 2ND RANK MUSHKETOV, AND INFORMED HIM OF THE MISSION AND ACTIVITIES OF THE USRJC. THE INITIAL INSPECTION OF THE MUSEUM'S VAST HOLDINGS HAS FAILED TO PRODUCE ANY US POW-RELATED INFORMATION. THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE MUSEUM AGREED TO RESEARCH THE POSSIBILITY OF ANY POW/MIA RELATED HOLDINGS THEY MIGHT HAVE AND INVITED **JCSD-M** REPRESENTATIVES TO VISIT AGAIN FOR A LONGER PERIOD OF TIME.

12. CONCLUSIONS: THIS WAS AN EXTREMELY PRODUCTIVE MISSION AND WILL RESULT IN UNCOVERING MORE INFORMATION ON MISSING US SOLDIERS. THE CONTRACT WITH ST. PETERSBURG ARCHIVES WILL HOPEFULLY SHED LIGHT ON MANY WW2 CASES OF U.S. SERVICEMEN.

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